

**Geodata.gov** the newly updated portal of the Geospatial One-Stop electronic government initiative makes it easier, faster, and less expensive for all levels of government and the public to share and access data and other information resources. Geodata provides a marketplace for information on future investments in geospatial information providing opportunities for collaboration and intergovernmental partnerships. Geospatial community groups can develop customized data content and communicate with others in their communities.

## Community Information

Communities provide “two clicks” to content for quick access to some of the most relevant data sources for a data category, such as live mapping services, applications, downloadable data, standards, and links to web sites of interest. Information in the communities is a small subset of the data in the portal.

The data categories are framework data groups defined by ISO standards 19115, with additional communities for special interest and local governments.

Each Community section is developed and maintained by a team of users with a common interest. Community members can participate in an online forum, utilize document sharing functions, or find current community events.

Online tools provide community managers the ability to rapidly respond to national disasters such as hurricanes, floods, and fires by quickly developing customized communities with relevant geospatial resources and information.

Examples of communities that are available include Administrative and Political Boundaries, Business and Economic, Cadastral, Ecology, Transportation, Oceans, Homeland Security, Cultural, Society and Demographic, as well as Imagery and Base Maps.

Communities may be added for local governments or for other areas of interest.

This screenshot shows the 'About Communities' page of the geodata.gov portal. It features a group photo of community members at the top, followed by a list of community topics: Cadastral, Library, and What's New. Below this is a detailed description of the Cadastral community, including its introduction, discussion calendar, and library resources. The page also includes links for 'Key Resources', 'Discussion', 'Calendar', 'Library', and 'What's New'.

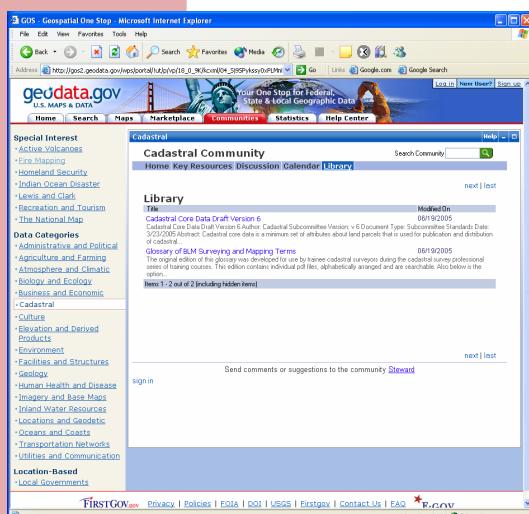
### Communities Home Page

This screenshot shows the 'Administrative and Political Boundaries' page. It includes a summary of the category, a content summary from the U.S. Census Bureau, and a digital offshore cadastre section. The page also features a 'Content Summary' section and a 'Digital Offshore Cadastre' section.

### Communities Provide “Two Clicks” to Content



## Communities Can Be Divided into Sub-communities



## Documents in the Library Can Be Shared with Others

Communities provide a dynamic way to stay in touch, find relevant content, and to share resources with others who share a common interest.

## Community Features

The Communities provide quick access to some of the most relevant data sets, applications, map services, and web sites for the public without searching the entire portal.

The community *key resources* are a very small subset of the thousands of resources in the portal. The *Search* function provides additional capabilities for finding other resources referenced in the portal.

The community also provides:

- A *Library* to view and download reference documents, data standards, publications, and other resources.
- A *Discussion Forum* to communicate with members of your community.
- A *Calendar* to view meetings and events of special interest to the community.
- A *What's New* section to view changes that have been made to the community over the last week.

By logging on to the portal you will be able to:

- Create a new discussion thread.
- Respond to issues and questions in the forum.
- Interact with community members.

To send comments, suggestions, recommended content, or documents for the community pages, contact the community lead by clicking on the *community steward* link at the bottom of each community page.

Geodata is managed by the U.S. Geological Survey and the Bureau of Land Management. For more information on geodata, please visit the portal at [www.geodata.gov](http://www.geodata.gov) or send an email to [geodata@blm.gov](mailto:geodata@blm.gov).